



**Flotilla 054-25-06, Occoquan-Fairfax Virginia
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, D5SR**



DATE: November 10, 2023

FROM: Joey Taguding, Flotilla Staff Officer – Member Training (FSO-MT)

TO: Mike Spollen, Flotilla 25-06 Vice Commander (VFC)

SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT for OCTOBER 2023

A. GOALS for 2023:

1. Work with DSO-MT and SO-MT to support District and Division goals for 2023.
2. Work with flotilla members that are currently in REYR and/or REWK to get them back in good standing.
3. Flotilla sponsored Mandatory Core Training course.
4. Auxiliary Paddlecraft Program (AUXPAD) Training within the flotilla. To include Paddlecraft Training for Ashore and Afloat Components of AUXPAD.
5. Reach out to new flotilla members to promote and encourage interest in all things Auxiliary.

B. ACTIVITIES PERFORMED or COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

1. Continue to mentor flotilla members that are currently in REYR/REWK and coordinating their efforts to get them out of REYR/REWK.
2. Attended National Staff Paddlecraft Division Meeting virtually on Sunday, November 15.
3. Attended in-person meeting at Coast Guard Station Washington to discuss ways that Auxiliary and Coast Guard can support and grow relationship between Auxiliary Sector MD-NCR, Auxiliary Division 25, CG Station Washington, and CG Sector MD/NCR. Provided brief overview about the AUXPAD program and gave examples of how it can support CG functionality, missions, and recreational boating safety outreach both ashore and afloat.

C. ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

1. Continue working with flotilla members that are currently in REYR and/or REWK to get them back in good standing.
2. Continue with individual training for Paddlecraft Operator Trainees - TBD.
3. Remind members that need Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT) to complete required AUXCT training before December 31, 2023. AUXCT is required every five years.
4. Begin developing formal monthly member training schedule for 2024.



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D. OTHER ACTIVITIES / COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Remaining 2023 Flotilla Training Schedule

Meeting Date	Topic	Speaker/Organization
11/16/23	Preparing for An Active Assailant Incident	Susan Duke, FSO-Human Resources
12/21/23	No Training due to Holiday Party	N/A

2. CHDIRAUX ALAUXs for October 2023:

a. ALAUX 036/23 Subj: AUXILIARY UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY LETTER

- i. The Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX) has issued BSX Policy Letter 23-02. It promulgates Auxiliary uniform and appearance policy changes stemming from the pilot program conducted in the Auxiliary’s First District - Southern Region (D1-SR) and Eighth District – Coastal Region (D8-CR) from 01 October 2021 to 31 December 2022.
- ii. Policy Letter 23-02 can be found on the CHDIRAUX website:
 - 1. <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP> , and
 - 2. a summary of its major changes can be found in its promulgation memo.
 - 3. Changes address a broad range of uniform provisions in the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction Manual 16790.1 (series)) including grooming, various uniform components, and institutionalization of the Alternative Work Uniform (AWU) as an Auxiliary work uniform.
 - 4. These changes are effective immediately except for the new annual uniform inspection requirement which shall be effective starting with CY 2024.

b. ALAUX 037/23 Subj: NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

- i. October 2023 is the twentieth annual National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
- ii. Since 2004, the President of the United States and Congress have declared October to be National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, helping individuals and organizations protect themselves online as threats to technology and confidential data become more commonplace.
- iii. All Auxiliarists are strongly encouraged to remain vigilant against cybersecurity threats and to actively apply strong countermeasures in their personal and Auxiliary activities.
- iv. The following four practices are highly effective methods to achieve a strong cybersecurity posture:
 - 1. Use Strong Passwords
 - 2. Enable Multi-Factor Authentication
 - 3. Keep Your Software Updated



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4. Recognize and Report Phishing

- c. **ALAUX 038/23 Subj: CREDIT FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND/OR RETIRED COAST GUARD MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- i. Section 4 of ALAUX 015/23 approved credit for the training and qualifications of honorably discharged and/or retired Coast Guard military personnel who enroll in the Auxiliary. The credit applies to any three-year period between a Coast Guard military person's last currency and their Auxiliary enrollment after they separate from service.
 - ii. To clarify boating safety course and Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT) completion requirements, Section 4.c.(1)(b) of ALAUX 015/23 is changed to read as follows:
 1. "(b) The requirement for successful completion of an approved boating safety course and most Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT) courses may be waived by the DIRAUX for the purpose of conveying any qualification listed in the table below. The BQII course may not be waived. If the boating safety course and AUXCT courses are waived, and the BQII course is completed, the DIRAUX may then place the Auxiliarist in Basically Qualified (BQ) status and make appropriate notes of waiver in AUXDATA II."
 - iii. This change clarifies that completion of an approved boating safety course along with any AUXCT courses except the BQII course may be waived by the DIRAUX for the subject personnel.
 - iv. ALAUX 015/23 also approved credit for the Auxiliary Instructor competency to be applied to a full-time instructor at any Coast Guard training center. That credit is expanded to apply to a current Coast Guard Team Coordination Training (CG TCT) Facilitator who falls within the three-year period.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this activity report.

Very respectfully,

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